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## NEW LEGISLATION ON CZECH AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION, LIVESTOCK

DISCUSS KNV AND ONV AGRICULTURAL OFFICES -- Prague, Zemedelske Noviny, 13 Dec 51

On 11 December 1951, the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Forests and the Wood Industry announced the organization and scope of activity of the agricultural offices of the KNV (Krajsky Narodni Vybor, Kraj National Committee) and the ONV (Okresni Narodni Vybor, Okres National Committee). These ministries, in agreement with the Ministry of Interior and other participating offices, have accorded the following responsibilities to the KNV:

KNV are responsible for carrying out agricultural policy and for production in their respective areas. They are to interpret government regulations for the residents of their krajs and must abide by all legal regulations, government resolutions, and directives of the Ministry of Agriculture in carrying out orders. KNV have no direct jurisdiction over state farms, but carry out a super sory function. The KNV are responsible for acquainting their members and residents of their krajs with the regulations and directives regarding such things as spring work, harvests, fall work, and for ensuring the fulfillment of tasks allocated in this manner.

The kraj, okres, and local national committees will not leave the directing of agricultural policy to the agricultural offices (referaty) but will handle all questions of policy and complex questions of production, not only in the council but in the plenary sessions as well. This applies particularly to the kraj production plan. Kraj, okres, and local national committee directors must be in daily contact with their agricultural referents.

The agricultural offices of the national committees will handle all questions of agricultural production. The referents of these offices will bring certain matters to the attention of the council for its evaluation and decision. These include questions of production, particularly those raised by cooperatives and by machine-tractor stations, questions of aid to state farms, and questions concerning the campaign against the village rich.

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The agricultural offices of the MNV will divide their activities into seven groups: mechanization of agriculture, agricultural cooperatives, plant production, animal production, planning, education of agricultural personnel, and forestry production.

Research and state farms are taken care of by the research referent, who also coordinates development. The ONV divide their work into four groups: agricultural cooperatives, plant production, animal production, and planning. Only those ONV delegated by the Ministry of Forests and the Wood Industry will form work groups for forest production.

This regulation, signed by Nepomucky, Minister of Agriculture, and by Smida, Minister of Forests and the Wood Industry, became effective on 11 December 1951.

PROHIBITS SLAUGHTER OF BREEDING SHEEP -- Prague, Narodni Vybory, 15 Jan 52

As a reminder of the great importance of increasing the number of sheep in Czechoslovakia, the Ministry of Agriculture once more calls attention to its regulation which prohibits the slaughter of any sheep capable of or suitable for breeding. The MNV (Local National Committee) is empowered to permit slaughter only in exceptional cases, and then only if the animals are old or condemned because of physical condition. The slaughter prohibition applies also to lambs.

To stimulate production, sheep breeders are entitled to a 25-kilogram allotment of seed-cake for every lamb older than 14 days.

ENCOURAGE DELIVERY OF PIGSKINS -- Prague, Narodni V/bory, 15 Jan 52

The Ministry of Internal Trade has sent a circular to all KNV headquarters, stressing the importance of raw pigskins to the Czechoslovak leather industry. According to the circular, the KNV are to establish regular slaughter days in their regions to save time for animal owners. They are instructed to pay from 35 to 45 crowns per kilogram for the skins, according to quality, to encourage breeders to deliver them for purchase.

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